

USE OF COMPARATIVE SCORES SYSTEM WOULD MAKE CHAMPIONS OUT OF UNDERRATED TEAMS

CHAMPIONSHIP CROWN WOULD REST ON SEVERAL HEADS IF ONE USED THE COMPARATIVE SCORES SYSTEM

According to 1917 Dope, Red and Blue Would Beat Army and Navy and Black's Team Should Have Humbled Rutgers, But—

NOW that it seems impossible that any of the big teams will meet in post-season clashes, the best we now can do is to resort to the comparative score process, and often this falls to convince. By way of comparison it has been possible to prove that Penn State would have a chance against Duke, but this is only too ridiculous. In football we have the scores, but it is not clear how the various of eleven which failed to meet compare. On the one hand Newport Naval Reserves would have trounced Rutgers last Saturday, but they didn't. Just glance at this: Black's Newport Reserves defeated Brown, 20-0; Syracuse only beat Brown, 9-0; Syracuse defeated Rutgers, 14-0, and had scored Rutgers turned the tables, upon the great old power and defeated the Newport boys by two touchdowns. Pittsburgh beat West Virginia by a margin of three points, West Virginia defeated the Navy and W. and J. and along comes West Virginia Wesleyan and down the University boys, giving West Virginia its worst beating of the season. Incidentally W. and J. and Penn State registered wins over the West Virginia Wesleyan team.

One of the big surprises of last Saturday was the showing of the Auburn eleven. This southern aggregation was beaten earlier in the season by Davidson, a team which lost to the Navy, 28-7, and to Georgia Tech, 22-0. Auburn engaged Ohio State, unbeaten in the Western Conference for two seasons, and held Harley and his mates to a scoreless draw. On Thanksgiving Day Auburn meets Georgia Tech and, based on the showing against the Buckeyes, Auburn's chances have taken a great boost. On comparative scores, however, Auburn should lose, but comparative scores do not win football games. Auburn and Georgia Tech have met thirteen times, with Auburn taking eleven of the engagements. Tech has been winner in the last 1898. Tech has one of its greatest teams this year, while Auburn did not find itself with the last months. No Auburn is bound to have a following on Turkey Day.

Out in the West Nebraska proved earlier in the season that its power was not made against weak teams by defeating Notre Dame, 7 to 0. Then Nebraska visited Ann Arbor and lost, 29 to 0. Notre Dame came East and bodied the Army in its first reverse in two years. Then Michigan came to Franklin Field and was humbled, the dope showing that Penn could beat the Cadets. We also can show by the scores that Penn could down the Navy. West Virginia won from the Navy, Dartmouth beat West Virginia and Penn defeated Dartmouth. So according to the dope our service teams would stand no chance against the Red and Blue.

GEORGIA TECH and the Navy are the only teams in the country to pass the 400-mark in scoring, with the Middles in the lead by thirteen points. Efforts to arrange a game between those two failed, so we must resort to our friend, C. C. Comparative Scores. Navy beat Davidson 26-7; Georgia Tech beat Davidson, 32-19. Navy defeated the Indians, 61-0. Tech humbled the Redskins, 99-0. It is also noted that Davidson was the only team to score on Tech and one of the three to score on the Middles.

Private Wirkman Stars on Camp Meade Eleven

WHEN the Camp Meade officers let down the bars to privates of the second ranks for the football team the real spirit of democracy in the camp was displayed. The important match which was played Saturday at Reading brought this to light when the young officers held the Cadets to a 2-0-1 score. It is doubtful if any man on either side played a better game than Manny Wirkman, the popular Philadelphia, who held a tackle position for the officers. Wirkman, although several years older, had his name prominently mis-spelled, is the same powerful athlete who once played for Central High and later starred for Pennsylvania's varsity. Wirkman in the Reading game showed the officers' coach that, regardless of his military rank, he is to be considered as a first-class lineman.

This young private in the second half put up one of the best exhibitions of defensive football seen thus far this year on the Camp Meade eleven. He recovered a loose fumble at one stage that gave his team a chance to score. He was the freshest man in the squad after the game, and those familiar with the standards who occupy positions on the Ambulance line can well realize what our worthy friend Wirkman was against.

Scholastic League Full of Upsets

THE 1917 interscholastic football league, which completed its schedule on Saturday with Northeast High School the winner, will long be remembered by the followers of the scholastic sport in this city as the most thrilling in the history of the circuit. The Central High-Northeast contest, which is looked upon as the High School classic of this section, furnished an appropriate climax of a football season abounding in fast play and upsets. Hardly a week passed in which the grand old pile did not receive a hard jolt. After playing several preliminary contests the teams lined up for the five weeks' race, with Northeast and South Philadelphia High, the 1916 winners, the favorites. Frankford was regarded as the dark horse as a result of its splendid showing in its early games, which resulted in three victories for Coach Williams' squad. Not a point was scored on the suburban school and, with eight veterans of the team, trouble was looked for by the other teams from the baby member of the circuit. The opening set of games furnished the first upset, when Doctor O'Brien's Central High eleven defeated South Philadelphia on Houston Field 6-0, and West Philadelphia, which had a record of three defeats in as many games, won from the strong Frankford team. The following week saw Northeast lose its only game of the league season to Coach Johnson's South Philly bunch. The second week closed with Central and West Philadelphia tied for first place. The third lap brought the first real surprise. Coach Lewis' Germantown High team gave Central its first defeat, while Northeast did likewise to West Philadelphia. The latter contest was the best exhibition of scholastic football ever seen in this city. These two defeats for the league leaders put Central High, West Philadelphia, South Philadelphia and Northeast in a deadlock for first honors. Germantown came through with another surprise in the fifth week, defeating South Philadelphia, while West Philadelphia won from Central and Northeast from Frankford. This left the Archbites and Westerners on even terms as the contestants entered the final lap. South Philadelphia and Central were considered to be easy picking for the league leaders in the closing games, but South Philadelphia proved to be a stumbling block and by holding the "Speed Boys" to a scoreless tie paved the way for Northeast to win the championship. The Red and Black plodded through only after one of the closest games of the year. The only touchdown came in the fourth period. With three minutes still to play, Trautwein, Central's flashy halfback, ran back one of Carter's punts 20 yards across Northeast's goal line. The score was not allowed, however, as Trautwein had stepped out of bounds during his remarkable run.

THE race for the championship was so close that the officials of Northeast and West Philadelphia were compelling arrangements to play a post-season game. This, however, was averted when South Philadelphia held the "Speed Boys" to a drawn game. By the new system of scoring, which proved a success in every way, each team gained a point, while the Northeast victory gave the Red and Black two credits and the title. With the exception of Frankford High, which team was a dismal failure, all the entrants held the lead or were tied for the lead at some time during the season.

"Dusky" Taylor, of South Philadelphia High, Natural Runner

CAPTAIN "DUSKY" TAYLOR, of the South Philadelphia High School track and cross-country teams, is one of the best natural runners who have ever represented a local school. With the graduation of "Dewey" Rogers last spring, Taylor is easily the fastest track man in local schools. The South Philadelphia marvel runs anywhere from the 99-yard dash to a three and three-quarter-mile cross-country race. Since Taylor started running in cross-country runs two years ago he has lost only one hill and date race, in which time he has shown his heels to the best scholastic runners in the city. In the senior championship run in Fairmount Park on Saturday he met his conqueror in O. Dudley, of Frankford. Taylor led all the way until the final 100 yards, when the Frankford runner passed him. But cross-country is not his best sport. Taylor is one of the best running broad jumpers in this section, several times having bettered 21 feet. Sprinting, however, is where the South Philadelphia High captain shows best. To travel the century in 19 1/2 seconds is not unusual for Taylor, while in the furlong and quarter he is always found with the leaders.

College Spirit at Best When Small Teams Meet

PENNSYLVANIA, Cornell, Dartmouth and the rest of the big colleges may talk of college spirit, but comparatively speaking it cannot be ranked with the loyalty that is found in the smaller colleges. At the Swarthmore-Haverford game it is safe to say that there were not more than half a hundred students of the two institutions who did not see the game, and the cheering, despite the lack of great numbers of rooters, was just as loud and as noisy as at any meeting between big teams. It is considered more or less of a sin not to back up the team with your best support in enthusiasm and money in a small college, and any student who does not turn out to see one of the big little games is ranked as a black sheep unless he has a legitimate excuse.

On the way from the railway station to the football field we were impressed with the spirit of Swarthmore. Dotted the beautiful campus were all kinds of painted signs imploring, pleading and demanding a triumph over Haverford. Painted on the steps that lead up to the majestic college buildings were slogans of all sorts, and nailed to the trees were pasteboards picturing Haverford hopelessly beaten and crushed.

Catholic High Meets Germantown High on Thursday

NEXT Thursday morning the Germantown High and Catholic High will wind up their football season by meeting each other. Both teams have had a successful season and no doubt if Coach Greer's men win they will claim the scholastic cham-

MOVIE OF A CERTAIN KIND OF PATRIOT



EDDIE McANDREWS WAS BOXING HIS WAY TO VICTORY WHEN— BING!—SOMETHING HAPPENED

The Something Was Irish Patsy Cline's Right to the Heart, Followed by a Crack to the Jaw, and Crowd Had a Volume to Talk About

WITH more than half the Olympic athletes resting and showing the Eddie McAndrews in "Bunko game" against Irish Patsy Cline, the New York crowd, and just at a moment when Eddie seemed to be the lover of old something happened. The something was a fight across to the floor, followed by a crack to the jaw, and the point of the chin, and the crowd was a volume to talk about in the most delicate manner possible. A crack to the jaw, or three, if it had been needed.

Some months ago Henry Leonard, light-weight king, had 150 lbs. in his corner. Cline is notated 100 lbs. Henry for five chapters on December 12. Everybody thought "The night to prove his strength." Eddie McAndrews never knew he was his. Eddie dropped on his back, and came back but he is to be made a decision to bring himself together. He rolled over as O'Brien counted five and it appeared as though he might have a chance, but Cline's punch and the right hand on the head and O'Brien was plodding Eddie to all his seconds jumped into the ring, seized the contestants might have seen the blow to the head, and the punch to the body caused McAndrews to leave the ring a man for the glory Cline.

Duplicates Benny's Feet It will be remembered that Leonard stepped McAndrews inside the limit, and Cline carried his chance at Leonard by stopping the Atlantic City boy in two rounds less than it took Leonard to do the trick. The punch came at a time when McAndrews was leaving Cline to a standstill. The leg had been fast in every particular, and the crowd gave a shout to McAndrews and some hoped Cline for the matter in which he forced Eddie on the ropes. McAndrews had earned the best of things in the second round, and it looked like a merry old round. He counted five and Cline was left and bothered him at lightning.

About the middle of the third round the boys fought for breezy. Cline and McAndrews both seemed willing to lead, and Cline happened to be the luckier fellow and lead at the right time. Cline knew he had the punch and he may have fought his battle carefully and with a fixed purpose. He did not appear to relish body punches, preferring to hit at long distance. Eliminating the result of the bout, one could safely say that Cline is the more finished product. He has a wide head and fought carefully, while Eddie seemed willing to depend on his ring knowledge, courage and a desire to carry the fight to his opponent. He need not feel that he is disgraced.

"Daddy" O'Keefe Meets a Tartar Somebody from New York had a pocket edition of Johnny Kilbane boxing the semi-wind-up. The cards announced Eddie O'Keefe and Joe Lynch. Joe Lynch is a regular, every-day sort of a fighter, but Joseph is not an ordinary boxer. He's a perfectly live wire and if cleverness was electricity Herb Hoover would have to put the ban on this Lynch person. He has a left hand that thumps off regularly, but Joseph stepped between the boys and waved Lynch to his corner. Lynch is a real corner, and if properly handled and counseled he will prove one of our very best scrappers. Joe looked to be about nineteen—real childlike—but he may be older. There is no doubt about his ability.

Another Win for Welsh Manager Gumbel sent his favorite, Joe Welsh, against Harlem Eddie Kelly from New York and Joseph obliged by turning in another victory. The bout was fast and pleased throughout. Kelly was willing to trade with Welsh and landed many good

MAXWELL SCORES 77 AT LAKEWOOD

Philadelphian Tuning Up for Golf Match Which Begins Thanksgiving

Y. M. C. A. BENEFICIARY

The last golf tournament of the year in this section of the country, so far as competitive affairs are concerned, will be played this week at the Lakewood Country Club. The qualifying round will be played there on Thanksgiving Day and the final round will be played Saturday afternoon. The process will go to the Y. M. C. A. and in order to make sure that a good sum is realized the entrants will be charged \$10.

There will be no other places than golfing trophies. Although fairly players have announced their intentions of entering and it is expected that the entry list will be large enough so that of about four or five dozens will play.

Norman H. Maxwell of Philadelphia, who won the event last year, defeated J. J. White in the final round, played over the course yesterday and registered a 77, which is not at all bad for the course at this time of the year when nothing is not quite so permanent as it is on a sunny day in June.

This Lakewood tournament will be the last competitive event in the North. Everything points to the season having a splendid ending, and from this point on already received it seems almost certain that Maxwell will not have it all his own way with the metropolitan representation. To last evening Gardner W. White, of Philadelphia, had not shown in his name, but he is expected to be in the line-up, nevertheless, Charles E. Van Vleet, Jr., of Baltimore, and the brothers, H. G. and W. S. Richard, of St. Andrews, are other certain starters.

It is just possible that the final round will be played out between White and Maxwell, or that the pair will at least meet, as they have done several times already somewhere down the bracket. As the finishing star has had much the worst of these encounters, he no doubt would welcome another chance to try conditions with one of the best amateur golfers that Philadelphia has ever turned out.

The officials of the club expect to see enough players in the qualifying round to fill four brackets. With this number the club will be in a position to donate a sum of \$640 to the Y. M. C. A. entertainment fund for soldiers in the cantonments in the United States, as such contestant will have to pay a fee of \$10 for this purpose. The entry fee will cover the medal play handicap, which is to be held on Saturday.

Died From Football Injuries DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 27.—Ellis Hamilton, seventeen years of age who was injured in a football game yesterday, died late last night.

Washington Club Buys Players WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 27.—John Cass, left fielder, and Bruce Hartford, short stop, have been sold by the local Western League club to the Washington Americans.

BASEBALL SITUATION FOR 1918 IS STILL UNSETTLED AND NO ONE CAN TELL JUST WHAT WILL HAPPEN

Toronto and Montreal Kept the Sport Going in the Dominion, but None Can Foretell Conditions in This Country

By GRANTLAND RICE
Song of the Stalwart
We only know life at its best
Who take the game as it may go;
Who face Fate and the final goal;
With heads up to the closing blow;
Who fix our souls upon the glory,
And stand to pay the final price,
Well knowing, in whatever role,
We only grow through sacrifice.
Our effort is to give our all
In valiant hope that this will win;
But if, by chance, we come to fall,
We hold no failure as a sin;
But rather, with a stouter heart,
That sees no reason to despond,
We gather for another start
Against the day that waits beyond.
To know the prize is not our creed,
For we have found rewards will wait
Somewhere—sometime—above our need
As long as we can face our fate;
With unbowed head—without a tear—
Regardless of the goal at stake,
Well woe that have forgotten fear—
And hearts that Heaven couldn't break.

Baseball—Next Year
VARIOUS opinions are offered about the status of baseball next season, but it all gets down to the old standby—'nobody knows.' Toronto and Montreal have proved that baseball can live, even after three years of war, but there is also a different angle here. Toronto and Montreal teams were made up in the main of ball players from the U. S. A. Their incomes were unaltered but little. In Toronto the team was improved, as this club won a pennant. It will be different this side of the border. The men are going into service via the draft as their time comes for there is, of course, no other way. This is very likely to bring about a topsy-turvy condition. But as baseball is such a molecular, minor detail compared to war, there is nothing to be done about it.

Even Ty Cobb, the General Bing of baseball, is a good many kilometers behind the General Byng of the British army. Every one wants peace, just as every ball club wants a pennant. But the only way to get a pennant is to go out and win it.

Putting Advice
He who lifts his well-known bean
Will spend more time upon the green.
The Hindenburg line couldn't be broken, just as the Glants couldn't be beaten. The only sure thing in this existence is the eternal presence of uncertainty.

"Brag is a good dog," says the Colonel, "but Houdfast is a better one." And Break Through is better still.

Michigan and the West
Back in the conference Michigan will now

BAN PUTS BAN ON DOUBLE-HEADERS

Johnson, Still in Pessimistic Mood, Calls Them the Curse of Baseball

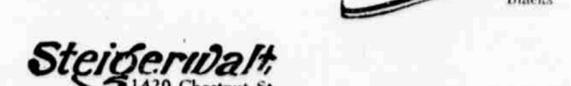
SCOTT WINS COMMISSION
CHICAGO, Nov. 27.
The American League will endeavor to dodge the double-header system next season, President B. B. Johnson said yesterday. He calls the double-header the "curse of baseball." The schedule will provide a sufficient number of open dates to allow playing off of postponed games. Bin says the double-header system is partly responsible for the wakening of the minor leagues. The American League will open its season next April regardless of war conditions, Johnson said. A big majority of the players will be signed up to new contracts during the present winter and the salaries will be nowhere near the fabulous sums which players formerly drew down. The playing strength of the various clubs may be "shot to pieces" by the army draft, but nevertheless the clubs are going to do

SURE AN' TH' PENN TEAM SHOULD LICK THEM NOW

U. of P. Graduate Writes Song for Cornell Game, With "Wearing of the Green" Tune
Clarence G. Himan, graduate of 1911 of the University of Pennsylvania, and who is now at Annapolis, Md., has submitted a verse to be sung on Franklin Field Thanksgiving Day, when the Penn varsity team has its annual battle with Cornell. The verse is called "Penn Spirit," and is to be sung to the tune of "The Wearing of the Green." It follows:
We'll cheer for Pennsylvania,
For the dear old Red and Blue,
We'll cheer for Pennsylvania,
When with this life we're through,
We'll give the Pennsy yell,
We'll always give our yell,
(Spoken) Cheer up, boys! We'll lick Cornell!

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